Art and Architectural Review Board
Minutes
November 3, 2017
The Branch Museum
2501 Monument Ave, Richmond, VA 23220

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

10:00am 1.1 CALL TO ORDER
Sandy Bond, Calder Loth, Bob Mills, Burt Pinnock, Donna Tuten, Helen Wilson

1.2 PUBLIC COMMENT
AARB Meetings are open for public comment. Rules for public comment can be obtained from the Director, Division of Engineering and Buildings.

1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion: Mr. Bond
Second: Ms. Wilson
Recommend Approval of Minutes from October 6th meeting.

1.4 OTHER BUSINESS

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

10:10am

2.1 VSU – Simms Hall Demolition
Comments: DHR to review mitigation and documentation of existing 18th century foundation remains below 20th Century Simms Hall.

2.2 DCR – First Landing State Park – Bathhouse Demolition and Replacement
Comments: Subject to DHR review

2.3 VCCS – North Virginia Community College – Emergency Management Building Identification Signage
The design intent is to coordinate color, location, size, and content with existing NOVA campus facilities and with FEMA-based standards currently adopted by local jurisdictions' first response providers, as coordinated by NOVA OEM, and designed by the architect.

2.4 GMU – Installation of Outdoor Emergency Speaker System
George Mason University's Emergency Management Executive Committee has authorized the expenditure of funds on an outdoor emergency notification speaker system for the Fairfax campus. The acoustical survey revealed that the ideal placement for integration and intelligibility was the Johnson Center roof at the center of campus. The equipment is not visible from the immediate vicinity but is somewhat visible from Patriot Circle at the perimeter of the campus.

2.5 GMU – Existing Fence Replacement – Ox Road

This project would replace the existing fence with a 6' high steel picket fence and would extend the length to provide greater protection for students. George Mason's east and west Fairfax campus is separated by Ox Road/123, a four lane divided highway. The University has constructed an underpass to provide a safe vehicular and pedestrian connection under the road. In addition, a signaled crosswalk provides a safe crossing at the intersection of Ox Road/123 and University Drive. An existing fence prevents students from crossing between the underpass and the intersection. The existing chain link fence is in poor condition and does not extend the full length of the road frontage.

2.6 VMI – Post Infrastructure Improvements, Heat Plant Improvements

Clean and repaint the exterior walls to match the adjacent buildings and to relocate wall penetrations away from the Burma Road façade to provide a cleaner façade. Improvements to the façade are intended to highlight the main function of the building while being sensitive to the historic nature of the Post and the Heat Plant. There are currently three bays of openings along the North façade. Two of the bays are nominally full height and the third is an overhead coiling door below with windows that match the others above. We propose to replace the two full height windows with aluminum curtain wall. In order to facilitate maintenance and clearances required for the adjacent boilers, we propose to provide a removable portion of curtain wall for the bottom third of the curtain wall. The middle bay of windows will be widened slightly to improve balance and symmetry of the façade. The overhead door and window above will be removed and the opening will be enlarged (height) in order to match the other two bays. The overhead door will be replaced by an operable aluminum panel (either overhead or sliding). Along the west façade, the steel windows will be replaced in the existing openings with aluminum curtain wall.
Comments: Subject to DHR review

2.7 Longwood University – Admission Buildings *Moved to regular agenda

2.8 JMU – Demolition – Athletic Softball & Restroom Building
Comments: Subject to DHR review

Motion: Mr. Bond
Second: Ms. Tuten
Approval of consent items 2.1 through 2.6 and 2.8. with comments.
Item 2.7 was moved to regular agenda.

3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS

2.7 Longwood University – Admission Buildings *Moved to regular agenda

***Previously approved at October 6, 2017 meeting.**

The project site has been revised to include an obelisk located at the southeast corner of the Admissions Building project site, at the intersection of High Street and Randolph Street. The Admissions Office will be one of the most active and welcoming buildings on Longwood's campus, and a fitting location for a permanent exhibit for the general public to note the important history of High Street and the community more broadly.

Comments: Keep overall design of obelisk, base and walls as simple as possible. Consider removing proposed lanterns shown on wall.

Motion: Mr. Pinnock

Second: Ms. Mills

Conceptual approval. Agency to return with further developed monument design including final landscape design, final selected materials and final proposed text on obelisk.

3.1 UVA – Lawn Accessibility

The project scope consists of two accessible ramps, one immediately south of Pavilion V and one north of Pavilion IX, in order to make the Lawn entirely accessible along its west side. Currently, existing ramps provide access only to the uppermost and lowest lawn terraces, but the middle terrace is only accessible via McCormick Road and Patterson Alley. Therefore, disabled visitors, students, staff or faculty cannot traverse the length of the Lawn from top to bottom, or vice versa. The proposed ramps are located within a portion of the slope between terraces. Materials for the ramps will be compatible with the surrounding buildings and other stairs and ramps in the area, utilizing brick veneer and paving with traditional metal handrails. Lighting will be provided beneath the handrail caps. The proposed ramps are set into the sloping bank between terraces, rather than proud of the grade, to reduce their presence within the Lawn setting. The ramp footprints are kept as small as possible and do not extend beyond the double row of trees.

Comments: Consider minimizing proposed wall height and minimizing number of vertical railings on ramps.

Motion: Mr. Pinnock

Second: Ms. Tuten

***Ms. Wilson recused**

Conceptual approval. Agency to return with further developed design including final landscape design, final selected materials and perspective view of the proposed ramps from the North Lawn.

3.2 VA Tech – Carilion Biomedical Research Expansion

This project is a four story 139,300 (approx.) gross square foot building adjacent to the Virginia Tech - Carilion Research Institute. The building is set

within a floodplain and this is a driving factor in the ground floor of the building being raised approximately eight feet above the street level. There is also a bridge link with phase one that provides a critical functional link for research activities. Engineering systems have been carefully organized over the laboratories and are stepped back and screened where appropriate for important line of sight viewpoints. Significant areas of the roof are vegetative to assist in storm water quality and retention. These gardens also help to soften the buildings presence at the heart of the campus.

Motion: Mr. Pinnock
Second: Ms. Tuten
Final approval. Agency to submit photographic representation and specification of proposed building materials and final landscape plan for consent agenda review.

3.3 Radford University – Renovation of Reed and Curie Halls

The base project involves a complete interior renovation of the existing Reed and Curie Halls, along with a 1,400 square foot new construction addition. The existing Reed and Curie Halls are two joined buildings. Reed Hall, built in the 1930's, has one partial level below grade (Ground Floor) and three levels above grade (First Floor, Second Floor, and Third Floor). Curie Hall, built in the 1960's, has four levels (Ground Floor, First Floor, Second Floor, and Third Floor).

Comments: AARB is supportive of removing façade screens but requests that applicant consider adding more façade windows to improve overall rhythm of each elevation. AARB also requests that applicant consider leaving existing brick parapet in place to visually tie the two buildings together. The project is to be reviewed by DHR.
Motion: Mr. Mills
Second: Mr. Bond
Conceptual approval. Agency to return with further developed design including final landscape design and final selected building materials.

3.4 VMI – Scott Shipp Hall Rehabilitation & Expansion

The proposed design seeks to respect and enhance the character of the existing building, while better relating to the site and buildings to the east. Three sides of this expansion wrap the Annex on the north, east, and south facades, which maximizes the green space to the east. Due to the sizable grade change, the new north entry will require stairs to access the existing third floor level. The expansion to the north of the Annex, which includes a new entry, shows deference to the original building entry. One way this is accomplished is by setting the new entry point back significantly from the plane of the original building entry. Another method this is achieved is by creating a stepped-down building approach to the entry, so one first enters a one-story building element, then a two-story element, and lastly the rehabilitated 1950's Annex. Relationship to the site is achieved by creating a symmetrical east façade that provides a more stately background to the existing Crozet Monument. Moreover, this east façade centers on Crozet Hall creating a certain relationship between these two buildings. Hardscape and landscape around

the Crozet Monument completes this composition by creating a defined central axis and balanced components on both sides of that axis. No new connections are made to the original building so as not to disrupt current views of this building or the fenestrations of this structure.
Comments: Consider making courtyard more than a light well and use for expanded student activity. Subject to DHR approval.
Motion: Mr. Mills
Second: Mr. Bond
Conceptual approval. Agency to return with final building design, final building materials and final landscape plan.

3.5 JMU – Veterans' Memorial Park Softball Seating Expansion

The new materials are intended to match existing as close as practical. Masonry and prefinished metal samples will be brought to the November Board meeting. Revised renderings illustrate further design development. The project area is limited to hardscape areas & the expanded bleacher footprint will overhang existing concrete sidewalk areas. The landscape plan is limited to new hardscape (concrete sidewalk) in two small areas identified in the enclosed exhibit drawings. These new (& replaced) concrete areas will be a continuation of the existing pattern & finish.
Motion: Mr. Pinnock
Second: Ms. Tuten
Final approval.

3.6 ODU – New Residence Hall

ODU is distinguished architecturally by handsome brick buildings arranged into campus quadrangles and intimate courtyards within the flat coastal plain landscape, generally aligning with the orthogonal orientation of the surrounding community street system. Campus buildings are often raised above the FEMA floodplain on plinths and feature water tables at their bases, generous porches and shading devices, large windows at gathering spaces, and signature curving forms to soften building edges and suggest entrance. Common exterior finishes include buff brick masonry, precast concrete and manufactured stone, glazed storefront and curtainwall, and particularly at Residence Halls, an accent material at upper stories with sloping standing seam metal roofs. The proposed design for Owens House builds on this existing architectural context to forge an effortless and authentic campus fit.
Motion: Mr. Mills
Second: Mr. Pinnock
Final approval. Agency to return with any proposed major modifications to design. Proposed minor changes can be submitted for consent agenda review and approval.

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next AARB Meeting is Friday, **December 1, 2017.

5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED

Minutes Approved as AARB Advice and Counsel:

Robert S. Mills 12/1/17

Robert S. Mills, FAIA, CID **Date**
Chairman
Art and Architectural Review Board

Approved as the Governor's Designee:

1-4-2018

Christopher L. Beschler **Date**
Director
Department of General Services